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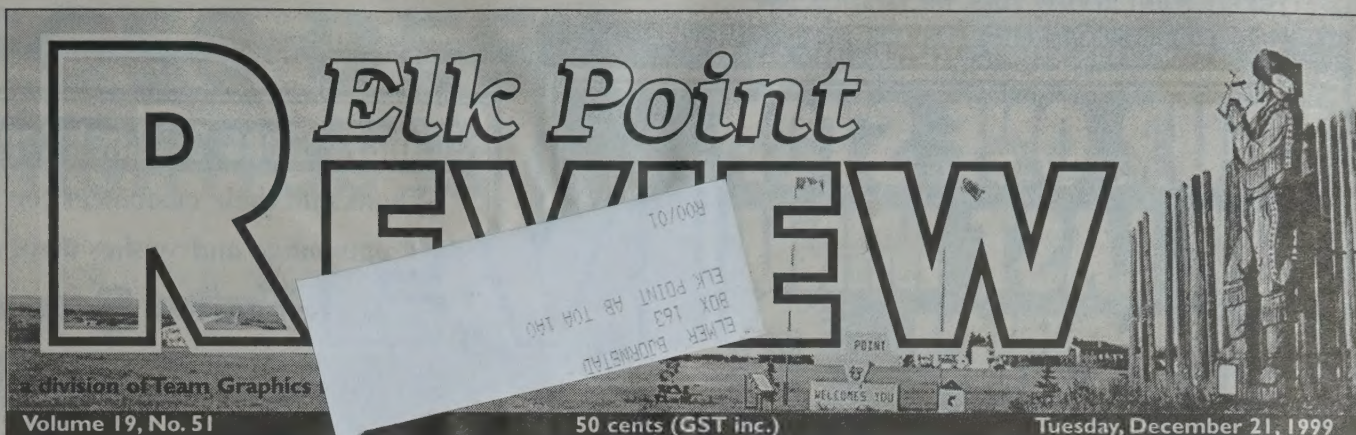
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DEADLINE

Due to the Christmas
holiday weekend,
the deadline for the
December 28 paper
will be Wednesday,
December 22 at 4:00
p.m. Happy Holidays,
everyone!



Churches combine in glorious Cantata

as the house lights dimmed and a parade of tiny angels bearing candles proceeded slowly down the aisle, followed by a small Mary, with Joseph's arm protectively around her shoulders. They made their weary way to Bethlehem, where a harried innkeeper grudgingly made room in his stable. There, a blessed event occurred which brought forth a glowing star, and a choir of angels on high, which startled the lowly shepherds and set wise men on a trek to find the new King. "What Child Is This?" asked the choir, as the youngsters completed their tableau.

A Ukrainian Christmas Carol, "There is Joy in Bethlehem" was presented by Bill and Olga Seniuk, Paul and Olga Musijowski and Mary Bezpalko. Kirsty Lindquist read the scripture from Isaiah 9:2-6, beginning, "To us a Child is born..." while Sid Holthe read the familiar story of

Jesus' birth from the Gospel of St. Luke.

The choir added several more numbers, "Still, Still, Still," featuring a flute solo by Karen Langejans, "Joy Is Now In Every Place," "The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy," the humorous "No Well! No Well!", "Go Where I Send You" and "Hope Is A Star," interspersed with congregational hymns, one accompanied by John Bennett and the rest by Gabe Bayduza.

Rev. Langejans stood in for soloist Michelle Friesen, who had fallen prey to the flu, for the beautiful "O Holy Night," before Father Richard Hanaczewski of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church offered the benediction.

"Silent Night," with the first verse in English, Ukrainian, French and German, rang out as the musicians and choir filed out of the church to conclude a wonderful evening of celebration.

Elk Point's Roman Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic and United Churches combined their talents and their congregations Sunday night in a glorious celebration of music which filled Elk Point United Church to capacity.

The combined choirs of the three churches were led to the choir loft by Gabe Bayduza with accordion, Marge and Dennis Heffernan with guitars, Karen Langejans with flute and Bill Seniuk with maracas as Sarah Osinchuk played the processional, "Joy to the World," on piano. Rita Bartholemew's solo, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" was followed by words of welcome and an opening prayer by Rev. Joep Langejans, "the Mayor of Bethlehem" for the evening, who declared, "Let the mystery of Christmas begin!"

"Only a Baby Came," carolled the choir,



■ Holding the line in 2000

Town Council debates a Year 2000 budget

Elk Point Town Council wound up the year by laying plans for the coming year, including an in-depth discussion of the Year 2000 budget. Provided there is not a large increase in school tax requisitions, the Town feels they should be able to go with the same mill rate as last year and hold the line on taxation. Mayor Buck commented that Elk Point is one of the few communities still able to build up surpluses, due in part to having their infrastructure all in place and in fact, adequate for a population in excess of twice the current level. Council went into camera at the conclusion of last week's meeting to discuss

salaries for the coming year.

Sgt. Lyle Marianchuk of Elk Point RCMP visited Council to present the latest crime statistics. Vandalism and collisions were among the categories which took a drop this year, while incidents of fraud increased. The Elk Point Detachment is currently setting their priorities for the coming year, and distributed policing surveys to Council for their input.

Council has been advised that the modified sanitary landfill which the Town and County operate on a cooperative basis, will still be in operation for 2000. There has still been no response from the government

regarding the proposed regional landfill. The creation of that landfill will require a decision to be made in the new year by the Councils whether to have joint or separate transfer stations. It was noted that grant funding is only available for transfer stations located 16 km. or more apart. Mayor Buck said that the Town currently doesn't have a capital investment in waste management, because the contractor supplies containers. The Regional Landfill Authority will determine how the situation should be handled.

Also on a regional note, Town Manager Myron Goyan said the Town has received

another query regarding Elk Point's interest in sharing a regional fire chief. Councillors Lesyk and Jasinsky will talk to the fire department to determine if they would want to become involved in such a partnership.

The fire department, along with the local ambulance service and the RCMP, will also be asked for input regarding 9-1-1 dispatch service. The County of St. Paul has decided on an enhanced service where the dispatcher stays on the line with the caller until help is secured. This is only available on a three-year contract basis, and would mean an extra per capita charge.

Elk Point's new traffic bylaw was reviewed and later tabled until the next meeting. Changes from the current traffic bylaw deal primarily with signage and location of truck routes. A copy of the new bylaw, when approved, will be provided to the RCMP.

The fate of the old courthouse building behind the Town Office was discussed. TOPS, the building's lone tenant in recent months, have now moved to the FCSS Building, and no longer require space there. The Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club has indicated that they would like to use the building as a dance studio and

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New Year's Day	Closed



Elk Point Co-op



from the FCSS DESK

Christmas is almost here!

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

Busy shoppers, busy bakers, busy preparations for parties and gatherings and everyone is hurrying to get everything done in time for the big day! How are you doing?

Sometimes we forget just why we celebrate the big day. Christmas is really about love, joy and peace for each individual. After all, it is our Christian celebration for the birth of Jesus Christ. I hope all the busyness hasn't taken away from you what the big day is all about.

Christmas is really a giving and sharing time.

It is more than presents, etc., it is really a time to share one's person with others. Each one of us has so much of ourselves to share with others. This is what gives meaning to life. Jesus Christ gave us a very good example by the way He lived His life. I am glad we take time to celebrate His birthday.

There is a poem by Howard Arnold titled: My Creed, which if we all followed for ourselves, we wouldn't have to worry about the busyness of this Christmas season, for every day of the year would radiate the Spirit of Christmas.

My Creed

I would be true,

for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure,
for there are those who care;
I would be strong,
For there is much to suffer;
I would be brave,
for there is much to dare.
I would be a friend to all -
the foe, the friendless;

I would be giving,
and forget the gift;
I would be humble,
for I know my weakness;
I would look up - and laugh -
and love - and lift.

With the Spirit of Christmas on my mind,
may we all from the staff and Board of Elk Point Family and Community

Support Services (FCSS) wish each and everyone of you the best during this Christmas season

and may Peace, Happiness and Joy be with you all in the New Year.



Greetings, Friends!

With old-fashioned warmth and lots of good cheer, we wish you a Merry Christmas, and thank you for your continued friendship and patronage.

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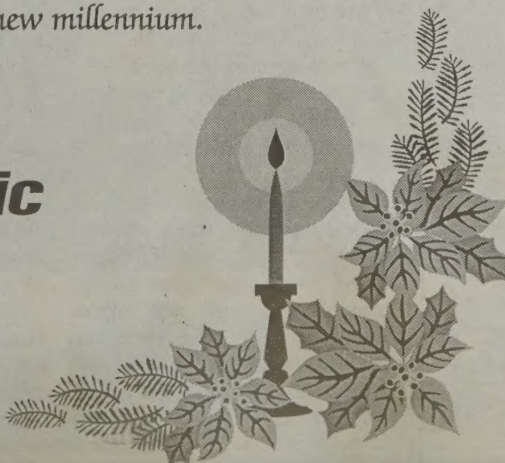
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5433 Circle Drive.....	SOLD
5225 - 54A Street.....	SOLD
4910 - 53 Avenue.....	SOLD

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1. 5137 - 52 Avenue - 1000 sq. ft., 3 bedroom home ideally situated next to Markstad Park. Close to playground, school and hospital. Oak cabinetry in kitchen. Fridge and stove remain. Lower level semi-finished with family room and 4th bedroom. Landscaped yard with fruit trees. **Priced at \$89,000**



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3. 5137 - 58 Avenue - 1204 sq. ft., 3 bedroom home in a family neighborhood. Well maintained - oak cabinetry and bay window in kitchen. All appliances remain. Basement is semi-finished with one bedroom. Two tiered deck off backdoor into fully fenced backyard. Close to playground. **Check this out and make us an offer!!!**



4. 5117 - 51 Avenue - 790 sq. ft., 2 bedroom home in a quiet neighborhood with fully mature trees on the property. Upgrades include new flooring, new paint and paper. Fridge, stove and all window coverings remain. **Priced at \$43,500 Reduced to \$39,000**



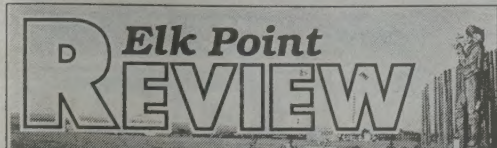
5. 5410 - 54 Avenue - 1700 sq. ft. of living in this 4 level split home. Oak cabinetry, fridge, stove and dishwasher remain. Brick fireplace in LR, all new draperies and blinds. 3 bedrooms, large bathroom with extra large jacuzzi adjoining master bedroom. New Lennox furnace in '99. Large double garage, overhead heater, insulated and drywalled. Come have a look at this great opportunity!!! **Priced at \$114,900**



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VIEWPOINTS



TRIO TIMES TWO -- Six ladies from the Elk Point Community Choir entertained with two beautiful numbers at Wednesday's concert. Complete concert coverage, Page 6.

Letter to the Editor

Good news travels slowly

Hi Vicki and Diane;

I just had to drop you a note about something that happened recently. We always look forward to getting mail of any kind, and especially news from home, so it was with great anticipation that we went to the post office yesterday, expecting a week's worth of things to read. Things tend to really slow down here around Christmas time, mail included, but it was still disappointing to get only two magazines and -yay! - the Elk Point Review. I didn't bother looking at the Review until I got home, but couldn't help mentioning it to Bernie that I sure wished the post office would put some items in an envelope, because the Review looked awfully "scraggy" and worn.

Finally we got home for lunch and I sat down with my cup of tea and started to read. I looked at the cover and thought - "Vicki, you're ahead of the game - a Christmas cover already!" I decided to check the date - December 21! 1998!!!! If I hadn't noticed the date, I guess the next clues would have really had me going - Christmas message by Rev. Paulette Phillips (how nice to send one all the way from Calgary!) - Health centre may be cut (again? I thought we settled this!).

So I ask you, where has this paper been? A clue is that part of the label was cut off when it was redirected - Long Island, Baha.... someone had written in Bahamas, Caribbean (actually it's not in the Caribbean), so it finally got here, almost one year later. Makes you wonder how far this newspaper has traveled - I'll bet it would have a real story to tell!

Lesia Sherwin
Long Island
The Bahamas

EDITOR'S NOTE — We hope this issue has better luck, and that you get it at least before you head back to Elk Point!

Christmas Fiction

The Christmas tree

By Irene Magnusson
Review Contributor

Janet dried her hands on the coarse towel hanging beside the washstand, glancing at her reflection in the small mirror hung above. A mess. She looked tired. She was tired. She had just finished doing the kitchen floor.

What a day it had been. Cold and dreary with heavy clouds, and light snow falling. Sam coming down with a cold. Then it had to be today the red heifer calved, no sense to it, she wasn't due for weeks. A struggle to fetch the little thing into the world, and it so cold and wet, the heifer weak from her effort, hardly able to stand let alone coax the wobbly newcomer to nurse.

Nothing to do but carry the wet flabby bit of fur and bones into the kitchen, warm and scrub it dry. The kitchen became a mess, but there was a satisfaction in seeing the wobbly legs strengthen, as it struggled to stand on the sacks Sam brought, and at last the bleat as hunger took over and the searching mouth grasped at her fingers.

Out in the fresh dry straw, with a bit of nuzzling, he was soon tucked in under the heifer, getting his mother's grooming along with her warm milk.

Then the old truck wouldn't start. The stores closed early for Christmas Eve... and there could be a bit of mail yet. While Sam warmed and babied the old Ford, Janet cleaned the kitchen, then herself.

Finally the pickup wheezed into action. They bounced the few miles into town. Janet hurried through her shopping. She hesitated over the rack, then selected a colorful magazine. Maybe tomorrow she'd find a few minutes to look at it.

"Nothin' but the Free Press," Sam threw the paper on the seat beside the box of groceries. "Guess we'll get Christmas cards after New Year's!" he tried to joke, knowing her disappointment to again see no letters from the children.

She slammed the door. "Oh, never mind. They have their families and friends - and little time. Thank goodness they all have jobs!"

She and Sam had mailed out parcels to the three distant cities where their children lived, weeks ago. After a brief shower of cards and letters from aunts and cousins, she had watched the mail for the expected greetings. They had never forgotten them before, it must be the fault of the Post.

Janet blinked back sudden tears. "Children do grow up."

"Yeah, they do." Sam grinned at her. "Thank goodness." She had to laugh.

"It's a good thing no one is coming," she spoke above the rattle of the truck. "We forgot to get a tree."

"A tree. Yeah. More kid's stuff." Sam sounded a bit deflated, though. Always, for the kids, they had a tree. Except once.



It was dusk when they pulled into the farmyard, and soon both were busy tossing greenfeed bundles along the fence for the pushy cows, pulling water to fill the tank, and filling the trough with chop for the fat pink pigs. Janet made sure the hens were OK, their water not frozen. Sam found the spotted little new calf in a mound of bedding, quite warm, sleeping contentedly while his mother shoved in among the others for her share.

They went to the house, each picking up an armful of blocks from the snow-mounded woodpile as they passed. Lamps lit, fire stirred up, the spacious kitchen took on the warm glow of home.

Janet went to the cupboard to start supper. Sam stood by the door, mitts in hand, his coat still on.

Janet glanced at him. He was looking toward the living room.

"I could go and get that little spruce out back of the barn," he said. "Not too dark, with the snow." She sensed the question in his voice. He knew it had been a rough day for her, maybe she wouldn't want to bother?

"Oh, Sam. You're a nut. Go ahead. Get the tree. I'll bring down the fixings." Sam picked up a handsaw and went out.

Janet put the potatoes on to boil, and went upstairs to the cold closet for the box of decorations. She left the doors open so heat from below could warm the small rooms.

"Too cold for the kids," she thought, remembering the many Christmas mornings with the youngsters boiling out of bed at an unearthly hour, to look in their stockings, to crawl into bed with her and Sam, warming toes until the snapping wood fires took the chill from the living room, squirming and giggling, until they could stand it no longer and were given permission to open presents piled high under the Christmas tree.

Janet realized she hadn't wrapped Sam's gift, and hurried to do it before he returned with his snowy tree. She had meant to give it to him unwrapped. Somehow, a tree demanded fancy wrappings.

The little crooked tree warmed while they ate, then Sam found a pail to set it in. Together they draped the garlands and hung the baubles, trimming their tree as they had done once before, just they two, alone.

"Do you remember —" Janet turned to Sam just as he said "Remember the tree—" She pressed close in his arms for a moment, lifting her face for his kiss. Tears again were oozing between her lashes.

"Yes. I remember. We weren't going to have a tree. Kid's stuff, you said. And we were big grown-ups now, married and in our own home. And lonesome and homesick for our families. Too far away to go home. Too broke, anyway." He stroked her hair. She laughed the tears away. "You went out for a tree to surprise me. You did, crying my head off when you came back."

Sam patted her shoulder. "Get to work." He handed her another box of the decorations accumulated over 32 years.

"You had me cutting up catalogue pages to make paper chains."

"Well, we didn't have enough crepe paper. How about those tinfoil stars we made, and the soup can you cut with your tin snips, to twist and make icicles?"

"We spent all evening decorating that tree with odds and end. It sure looked good to us when we got done, too."

I think that was when I first really knew we were a family. "What? And us married for six months by then!"

"Yeah. Odd, isn't it? Before that, I guess I sort of thought of it like we were playing house, we could just go home, if we got tired of it, you know, like kids."

"We didn't either of us 'go
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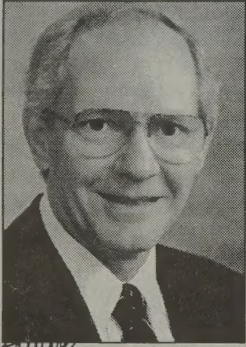
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Two; Mona Payne, Medium House Special. **Kuhn's Collectibles** - Holly Bull, Gift Certificate. **Elk Point Review** - Lucille Povaschuk, Gift Certificate. **Northbound 41** - Bernice Capjack Hugo, Tall Angel; Melissa Breen, Twinkles Reindeer; Lisa Palinka, Twinkles

Reindeer; Lori Carlson, Large Candy Cane. **Footprints** - Kristen McMillan. **Home Town Grocers** - Andrea Diesel. **Co-op** - Judy Ockerman, Jacket; Orest Boyko, Sweatshirt; Jean Dacyk - Santa; Leona Cardinal, Frying Pan; Lois Yaremkevich, Teddy Bear.



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community NEWS

Tenth Christmas Concert for Community Choir

Over the past decade, Elk Point Community Choir and their annual concert have become a tradition in our community. This year the choir, as well as the audience, have been plagued by the flu, but followed the theatrical tradition, "The Show Must Go On" and performed two marvelous concerts last week for their hometown fans.

The entire choir started off each evening with

four numbers: the upbeat "Let the Earth Resound," with Linda Peters on piano, "One Small Voice," a combination of traditional Christmas spirituals entitled "Shepherds, Go Tell!" and a lullaby, "By Candlelight," with Deanna Easthope accompanying the latter three.

Soloist Charlie Thomson gave his view of the season in "Christmas Is..." with Harry Peters on guitar, followed by a "double trio" of six ladies in cosy scarves, Kelsey Mueller, Chelsey Buryn, Barb Buryn, Dixie Coleman, Kallie-Jo Coleman and Erica Spoeth, singing of

"A Merry Christmas Feeling" to the accompaniment of Linda Peters.

The Harmonious Interlude, Kirsten Sanders, Laurie Keichinger, Kim Beardy and Shirley Osinchuk, sang an a capella version of "One Small Child" and featured Kirsten on piano, Kim on clarinet and Laurie on flute in "The Gift of Love."

A soaring and powerful vocal and piano solo, "Mary, Did You Know?" was provided by one of the choir's newer members, Kerry Anderson.

Then the choir was back again, singing the old French carol, "Ding Dong! Merrily On High!"

followed by a traditional spiritual, "The Cradle Rocks in Glory," an old English carol, "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen" and a Christmas madrigal, "O Come and Sing."

Following a brief intermission, the quartet of Udo Mueller, Garry Townsend, Don Buryn and Don Conrad were accompanied by Bob Palinka on guitar in "Joy Comes in the Morning" and by Mueller on piano in "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

Dixie Coleman and Don Buryn combined their talents with Mueller's piano to tell a story song of a childless woman of long ago, "Mary Let Me Hold Her Baby."

A contemporary country note was added by Shaun Sheplaw and "A New Kid in Town." The two youngest performers in the choir, Kallie-Jo Coleman and Kelsey Mueller, offered "Mary's Lullaby," accompanied by Deanna Easthope.

The choir again assem-

bled for their final set, with Rita Bartholomew and Udo Mueller highlighting an energetic spiritual, "Look-A That Star!" with their solos. New words and traditional combined in "Nowell Canon," while "Rock 'N' Roll Reindeer" with Linda Peters at the piano brought visions of the jolly old man in a '67 Pontiac GTO! "Were You There on That Christmas Night?" and "Do You Here What I Hear?" wound up the program, with the choir summoned back for an encore featuring a modernized version of "Away In A Manger."

Thus ends another season for the Choir, who have reached many milestones this year, including a tour of the Maritimes and many new experiences. Choir director Don Buryn said that of all their spinoffs, including the ultra-successful dinner theatres and their trips to performances of other groups, "the best part is the fun we have together."

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We're going out on a limb to say, "happy holiday and many thanks," to all our customers.

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TELLING THE GOOD NEWS -- Udo Mueller, Don Conrad, Garry Townsend and Don Buryn.



KERRY ANDERSON wowed the audience with her soaring solo, "Mary, Did You Know?"

Merry Christmas



From the Board of Directors and Staff of the

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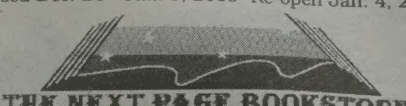
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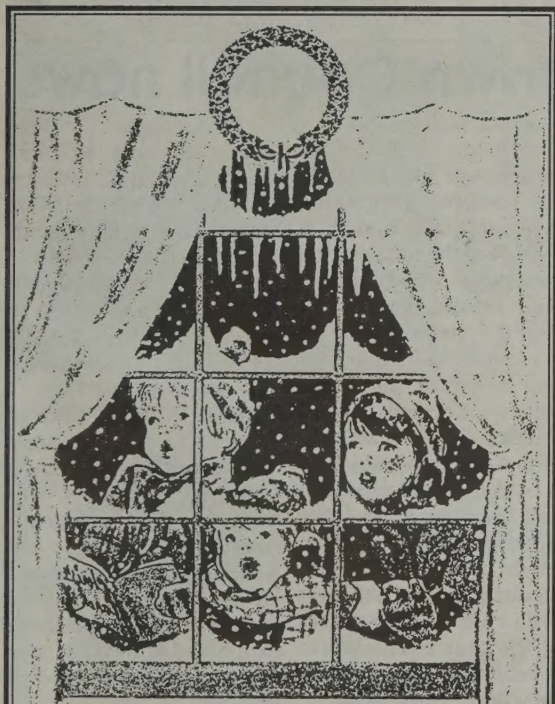
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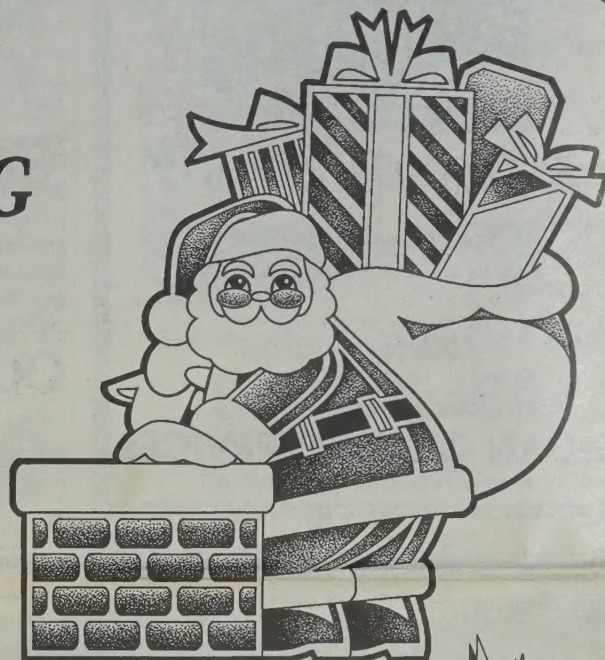


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From

George, Jackie & Staff

community NEWS

Unto us a Child is born

By Rev. Jope Langejans
Elk Point United Church

Christmas comes to all of us in different shapes and forms. Some of us enter into the season with joy and anticipation; others with deep sadness and emptiness. Some

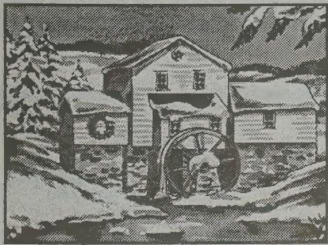
spend wonderful times with family and friends while others only seem to have loneliness as their shoulder to lean onto. The true joy of Christmas and Christ's love comes through to us when we recognize and act upon our neighbor's crying out to be loved, to be nur-

tured, to be allowed to be included. Excitement and times of sharing are open to all of us if we allow ourselves to become part of the presence; part of the awakening. Reach out to someone this season and embrace them with your love.

We invite you to ponder for a moment and reflect upon the advent season's real message - renewal of hope coming again to us through the birth of a child... the beginning of a magical and mysterious journey into being community. And this not only means being a community of God's children, but of believing in each other as persons who deserve love and respect, no matter what our differences may be. We invite you to

unwrap the layers of yourself to reveal the goodness that is within us all; the goodness that is central to carrying out the Christmas message. Share this feeling of hope and peace throughout the season and into the years to come.

As Elk Point and area have opened their arms and welcomed us into the community, we can simply say 'thank you.' May Karen and I return this welcome with servitude and with a connectedness to all with a leadership that is truly spiritually based. Please come and join us on Christmas eve at 10:00 p.m. for a candle-light worship service as we share the meaning of the Holy birth. Merry Christmas and blessings to all.



A SEASON OF JOY

May the hope and happiness of the Christmas season flow into your life.

Thank you for making our season a very special one.

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Coloring Contest winners are announced

The generosity of prize donors meant that extra prizes could be given out in the Extravaganza Coloring Contest. All entrants received surprise packs and Santa bookmarks, with the winners receiving prizes

ranging from plush animals to cassettes to gift certificates.

Winners by age group were: 4 and Under - 1. Jodi Antonio, 2. Janelle Letwin; Age 5 - 1. Todd Shankowski, 2. Chastity Eagletail; Age 6 - 1. Tori

Becker, 2. Alanna Ockerman; Age 7 - 1. Lisa Shankowski, 2. Brett Lindquist; Age 8 - 1. Levi Henry, 2. Tyson Ockerman; Age 9 - 1. Trish Yarmuch, 2. Melissa Frisby; Age 10 - 1. Melissa Smith, 2. Sara Kozicky.

Congratulations, everyone, and thanks for entering. Thanks also to Stedmans for coordinating the Coloring Contest, the Elk Point Co-op for displaying and collecting the entries and all those who donated prizes.

Town Council news

(Continued from Front Page)

Ukrainian cultural centre, and would like to apply for a Millennium grant to renovate it. Council is unsure of the future of the building, which needs roof repairs, and which might have to be removed to allow for expansion of the Town Office. Council would have no problem with the club using the building as it is, in the short term, but feel there could be other options coming up that might suit them better. Council agreed to meet with club representatives at the next Public Works meeting to see what can be worked out.

Resolutions were made to add \$5725.97 from general capital reserves to the \$20,000 in community lottery funding for the new soccer field, \$2523.01 from general capital reserves to the \$7749.24 from the MD of St. Paul Foundation for the storm sewer west of Heritage Lodge and to pay \$3015 from general capital reserves for engineering services to upgrade the water treatment plant. This last amount will be recouped from a grant for the upgrade which has been approved and which may be received by the end of the year.

Have a Noteworthy Christmas Season!

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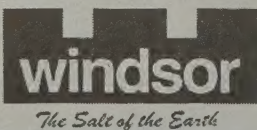
Blessings of the Season

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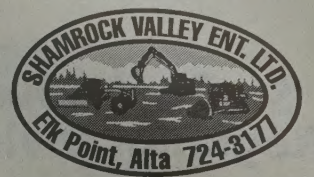
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Season's Greetings

May joy, prosperity, peace and goodwill visit your home this holiday season.

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From Management & Staff*



THE BIG WINNER! The winner of the Christmas Extravaganza 50/50 draw has been found. Henry Roscoe, holder of the winning ticket, came forward last Wednesday to claim his \$586 prize after reading the winning number in the Elk Point Review. He was pleased with the pre-Christmas windfall, and told Chamber treasurer Diane Balash, who presented the prize, he was off to do some major gift shopping for his family.

community NEWS

F. G. Miller ready for Christmas

By Leanne Wilson
Student Journalist

Hello from F. G. Miller High School. During the Christmas season there are many parties involving drinking. Constable Caudron brought a timely message to the senior high students about the consequences of drinking irresponsibly. Constable Caudron talked about his experiences with the tragedies drinking and driving has caused. The classes discussed different laws as well as the new legislation to prevent

drinking and driving. Hopefully, Constable Caudron's words and message impacted students and will make people think twice before they drink and decide to get into a car.

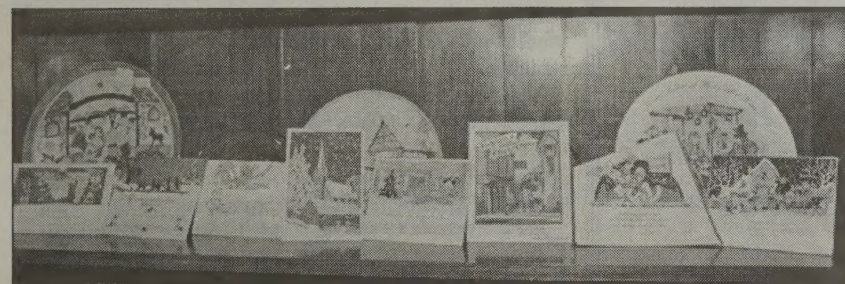
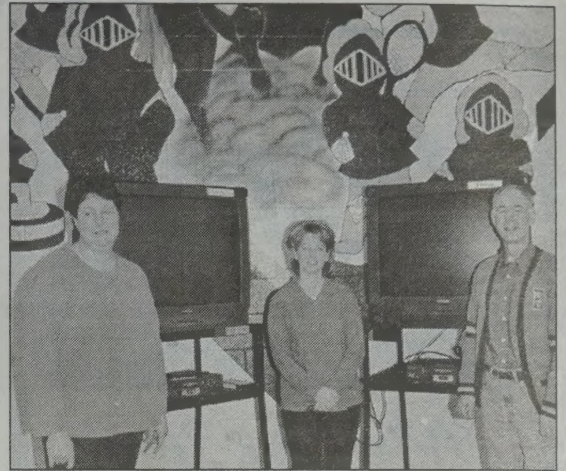
Well, basketball season has begun in fine style with the success of the senior boys' first tournament. The boys traveled to Redwater in northern Alberta and proved that F. G. Miller Crusaders are a major contender with their impressive second place finish. The team battled right to the final

game where they lost by a small margin of eight points to the host team, Redwater. Congratulations!

On December 11, the Grad Class of 2000 organized a school Christmas dance. One of F. G. Miller's own bands, "Who's Your Daddy," entertained with their varied selection of songs. Thanks to the Grad Class and all the supervisors who took the time to make this dance possible.

Well, that's all from F. G. Miller for this week.

CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY at F. G. Miller, when two new TVs and two VCRs purchased by the F. G. Miller School Council with funding from the Community Lottery funding arrived last week. School Council chair Sherry Oszust, board member Darlene Kozicky and principal Jim Hawkins admire the equipment, which will be used by school and community.



MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS PAST -- are the antique cards from the 1920s and 1930s (above) and a tree filled with aging ornaments (right), both at Kuhn's Collectibles, and a sleepy plush Santa and cards from the early 1900s, displayed at the library from the collection of Steve Andrishak.

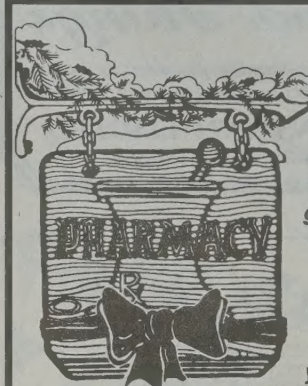


CHECKING IT TWICE

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■ Faith

The first Christmas... and the last?

By Rev. Sam Donaldson
Elk Point Christian
Community Church

The first Christmas occurred a little over two thousand years ago. That event happened in a quiet and uneventful manner as far as the world at large was concerned.

A few people knew about the happenings in Bethlehem. There were a

number of shepherds, the innkeeper, and perhaps a few of his family. Some distance away, "Magi" were following a strange phenomenon in the heavens. A new star had appeared and was in motion from East to West.

Apart from these people, and a couple of spectacular events in the heavens, life continued as normal for the rest of

humanity.

So much for the first



Christmas, but what about the last Christmas of this Millennium? Will it be as uneventful as the first? With all the hype about Y2K and the impending disasters that are supposed to happen it would seem that this might be a "Christmas to remember."

Do we celebrate the season in great fear and trepidation? Will it be a season of joy and exultation? The answer to these

questions depends upon your world view. A world view that sees God in control of all things, including Y2K, or a world view that sees fate, blind fate or chance, in control.

The truth of the matter is, the "Child" is the King of all ages and He rules over all things. The future is in His hands and so are His people. So come what may, Y2K or a very ordinary Christmas and New Years, the people of the King can say, "Even if the mountains fall into the depths of the sea, we will not fear."

Come to think of it, that's what the angels said to the shepherds on that first Christmas. As for me on this last Christmas of the second Millennium, I will obey the angel's command and not fear. What about you?

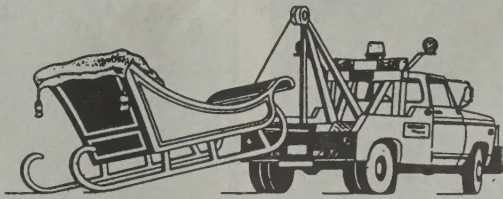


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Mayor, Council & Staff
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Season's Greetings



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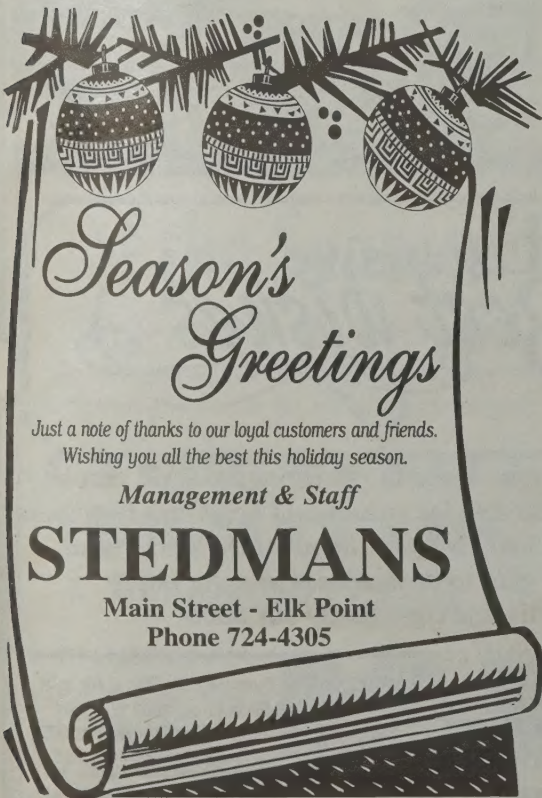
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From the
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*Season's
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Who's on third? Thoughts for Christmas and the new century

By Pastor Jim MacLellan
Elk Point Baptist Church

There is nothing more devastating in a baseball game than closing the inning and leaving a runner on third. Being stranded with all the potential of coming Home leaves one disappointed, discouraged and hopeless. Do you know the answer to the well-known question: "Who's on Third?" Of course you know. It is "I don't know on Third." Our lives play out this popular drama constantly. 'I don't know' is a fact of life. But it is equally devastating to close out life's inning and still not be certain of some things.

Man has aspired to knowledge since the Garden of Eden. Eve's object of temptation was the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Men have thought, as Plato did, that our knowledge comes from abstract ideas, thus promoting the philosophic mind. The Enlightened age based all knowledge on reason. If you cannot sense it, it is not real. Today our pursuit of knowledge has a pluralistic note to it. This means that every answer is a right answer. To illustrate this, I heard a human rights spokesman say recently that our world has finally recognized the equality of genders, the equality of races. All that is left is to acknowledge the equality of religions. Now if he meant that we should express due charity to one another, that would be one thing, but it is likely that he meant that all religions are equal in truth. That is where the

Bible differs. There is a short difference between tolerating all religions and validating all religions.



To say that everyone is right is to get stuck on Third base. It is tantamount to expressing "I don't know." As Canada has embraced pluralism and as everyone is right and no one is wrong, we are stuck on Third and the inning is almost out. We are left in a most miserable predicament.

Christianity has its one way of knowing Truth that is not enslaved to Plato's abstract ideas, or rationalism. Neither is it based on the bedlam of pluralism. The Bible teaches us that we know

through f-a-i-t-h. Some view faith as an experience of jumping blindly off a cliff into a darkening chasm, hoping to land feet first. To others, faith is a certain state of incarceration, securing the believer to a life sentence of grey walls and steel doors. Biblical faith is quite different.

"The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's the handle on what we can't see." (Hebrews 11:1f - The Message)

The Christian faith holds onto a certain reality in an uncertain world. This firm foundation is neither a thing or an event. It is a Person. It is Jesus, the Christ, the eternal God displayed in human form. The Christmas story is the news of God who is invis-

ible, showed Himself to a world, in visible humanity. Jesus is God — Exhibit A.

This Christmas — 1999, we are at the bottom of the ninth. The inning is almost over. Today, you may feel stuck on Third. Your name from the baseball parody may be "I don't know." Faith in God through His perceivable Presence can bring you home. A.D. 2000 is more than a date on a calendar or a party in the Park. It is more than a glitch in the computer. It is the anniversary of the two thousandth year of the visible expression of God on this planet. Millions upon millions of people who don't know all the answers, do know the One who is the Answer. It is this faith in Christ and only this faith, that is guaranteed to bring you home and not leave you stranded on Third.



All The Best To You And Yours

May you enjoy all the splendor and wonder of this magical season.

We really enjoy having neighbors like you!

Ray & Lorraine Danyluk & Family

WE'RE MAKING A LIST...



We'd like to thank each of you personally, but we've made too many good friends in the past year to find the space to list them here.

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From Management and Staff

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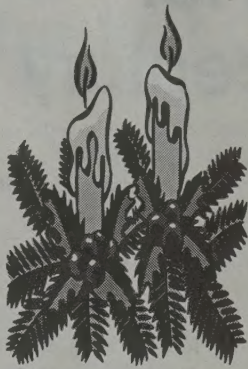
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The Christmas tree

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home,' did we? We found we could make it together, just the two of us. Like now."

They sat on the chesterfield and admired the little tree, not at all lopsided now, and really very pretty with its shine in the lamplight. The living room looked cosy, too, the fire giving a snap now and then as it sunk in its bed of coals. Janet found the few cards received earlier and stuck them in the facing around the door.

Outside the clouds parted and a cold white moon shone down. The cat purred behind the heater. Soft music, the old carols, drifted from the little radio on the shelf. It was Christmas Eve.

Janet put fresh coffee on to perk then carried her red-wrapped gift from the bedroom to

place under the tree. There, already, was a box, looking very 'store-wrapped' and pretty with a blue bow, hidden under the branches. She looked at Sam. They both grinned.

"No presents, this year, eh?" Sam pulled her down beside him. She leaned against him and patted his cheek.

"Well, you know how it is. These fast-talking sales girls—"

Old Shep, on the mat by the kitchen door, stood up. He gave a half-hearted bark, then backed away as the door burst open.

"Merry Christmas! Surprise! Surprise! Merry Christmas!" Bundled kids were being pushed through the doorway, while parents with parcels and bags and holly shoved in behind them.

Janet and Sam stared open-mouthed for only a second, then rushed to hug and kiss and peel wraps from the little ones to draw the adults inside. They were all there, every last one of them!

"Oh, George! And Kenneth. Marianne! Oh, all of you! How?? When did you?? Oh, you rascals. We thought you had forgotten us! Are you cold? Come in, come in." Janet babbled on, scarcely believing.

Sam hung coats and piled boots in a corner. The kitchen was full to overflowing with all the vibrant young bodies, all the laughter, all the love.

A shriek came from four year old Peggy, at the living room doorway. "Mommy, Daddy, look! There's the Christmas tree! Just like when you were little! And so it was.

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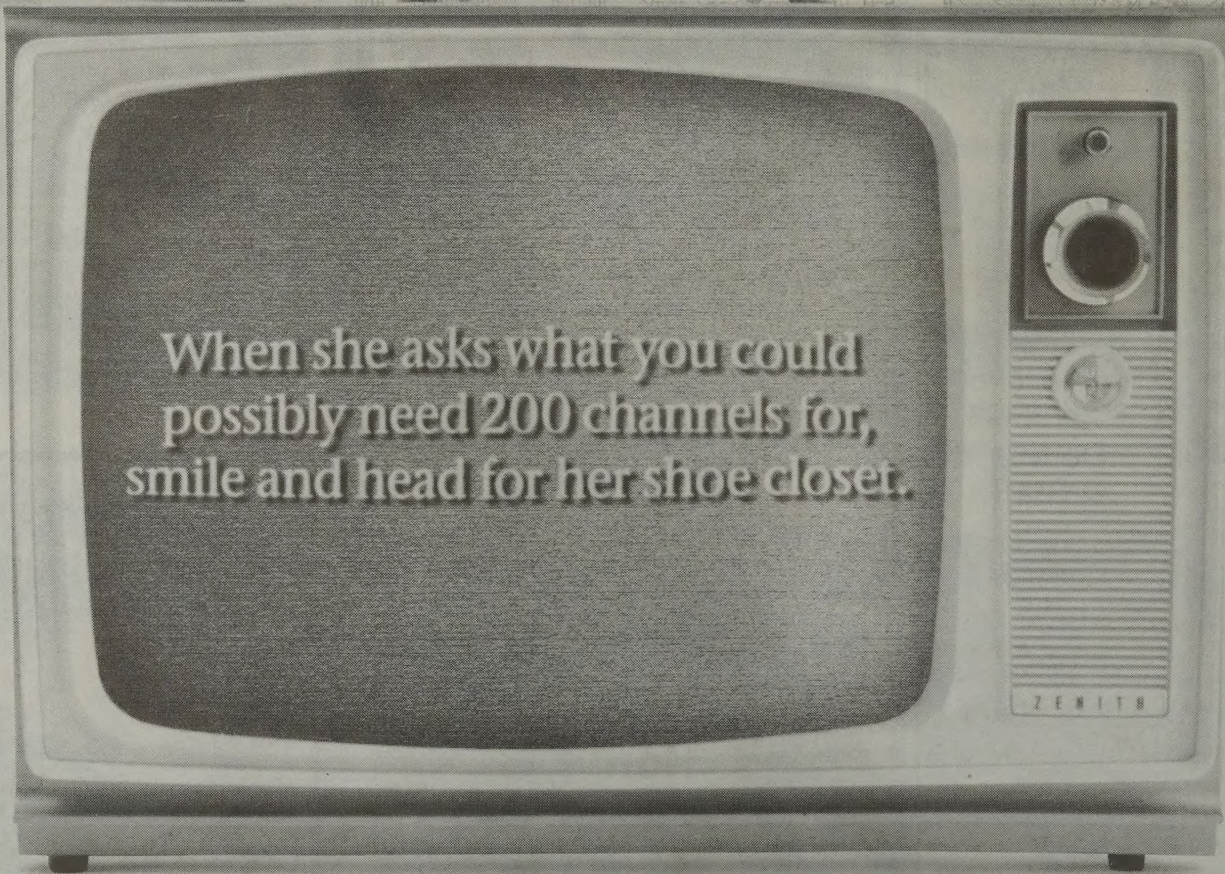
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what's NEWS at the LIBRARY?

Check out the family websites over the holidays

By Daphne Schnurer
Librarian

Worried about what to do with the kids or the husband through the Christmas holidays? Send them in to check out our great family recreational websites. There is everything from games, trivia and crafts to projects and one of my favorites, Disney. There is a new health website which you

can search for a very broad range of information such as nutrition, diet and herbal medicine. Want to quit smoking? Ate too much turkey? No, seriously, this is a very informative website.

Just for Dad

Now, for Dad, we have some great reading material. For the sports enthu-

siast, we have **Gretzky, the Ultimate Hockey Book** and **Gold On Ice** to name just a few; for the handyman we have some great do-it-yourself books on just about every project; we have a consumer corner to check out all those great gifts you received; videos and RRSP and **Buyers Guide to Mutual Funds** so you know what to do with all that Christmas bonus

money!! Just kidding!

Stop in and view our wonderful display of old Christmas cards compliments of Steve Andrishak.

I will accept the Christmas trivia entries until **January 7**, so fill them out and drop them off at the library.

Now that we have some snow, don't forget our snowman contest: first one to build the

Library a snowman receives a special surprise.

From everyone at the Library, I would like to wish everyone a very special Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Christmas Hours for the Library:

Closed December 24 through December 27

Open December 28, 29, 30, regular hours
December 31 - open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Library Calendar

Our Next Story Time:
January 7 at 10:30 a.m.
Seniors Tea - January 31

Birth Announcement
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Peace on Earth



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Thanks for your faith in us.

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A Blessed Time

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.

- Isaiah 9:6-7

May you and yours be blessed with peace and joy all through Christmas and beyond.

Thank you for visiting us.

Management & Staff

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Pioneer Circle bingo

December 13, 1999

Bernice Bykowski \$10, Mary Paul \$10, Melvin McGinnis \$10, Debbie Orr \$15, Leanne Drielick \$15, Sophie Stamp \$60, Kathy Zarowny \$30, Ed Piotrowski \$309, Sophie Stamp \$15, Mary Rose Piesinger \$30, Betsy Dion \$15, Annie Hladchuk \$30, Pauline Lachance \$30, Lynne Boyko \$30, Alf Fakeley \$30, Annie Piotrowski \$30, Harry Shankowski \$30, Mildred Boyko \$30, Brian Paul \$50, Lena Cap \$32, Leanne Drielick \$22, Bev Bepalko \$50, Vi Lillemoen \$82, Irene Jacobson \$27, Bill Chomlak \$27, Alice Drielick \$27, Marie Moosepayo \$52.

ANDRISHAK, Joanne

In loving memory of my dear Mom and special friend, who passed away December 22, 1991 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Dearest Mother, you are sleeping,
Free from sorrow, free from pain,
Still your memory shall be cherished
Until in Heaven we meet again
A loving Mother, true and kind
What beautiful memories left behind.

Forever loved and so very sadly missed by your loving daughter Patricia.

In Memoriam ELIUK, Vera

In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who passed away on December 27, 1994.

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed, still always dear
A million words cannot express
Our heartache, sadness and loneliness
Deep in our hearts you will always remain
Until God, in His time unites us again
What we wouldn't give to see you sitting at the dinner table on Christmas Day, Mom

Lovingly missed and dearly remembered by Jim, Amelia, children and grandchildren.

IT'S A GIRL!
Congratulations!

To Kelly, Dale and Shae Rinas on the arrival of Shae's little sister
Karlee Rae
Born on Dec. 9/99 weighing 9 lbs. 2-1/2 ozs.

Also many thanks to: Dr. Ruiter and Bonnyville Hospital Staff

Love: Grandma & Grandpa Garska

review COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

"Mother to Mother" Breastfeeding Support Group - meets 4th Monday of every month, 10 a.m. Call 724-3332 for more info. Expectant mothers and older siblings welcome.

Elk Point Parent Nursery - Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to Noon, Elk Point United Church Hall. Children under 6 and parents welcome. For more info, call Brenda Hayman, 724-3192 or Erin Mohyluk, 741-2140.

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., FCSS Office, Elk Point.

"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

Recycle Your Paper - Paper trailer is located at the west side of the curling rink, 5118-49 Ave.. We take newspapers, flyers, computer and bond paper. No cardboard boxes, milk or egg cartons, phone books or glossy magazines. Please sort and bundle with string or put in cardboard boxes.

Elk Point Public Library - Mon. - CLOSED; Tues. and Thurs. 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed. 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Storytime - Fri at 10:30 a.m. Photocopies. Extended library services and reliable information sources. Public meeting space available to non-profit organizations at no charge. Please call the Elk Point Library for booking at 724-3737.

The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith at 724-2527.

Elk Point & Area "Stop Family Violence" Support Group - meetings are held 2 times a month. For more information call 724-2380, 724-3800 or 645-1950

Adoption Support Krew - meets the 2nd Mon. of every month at Social Services Bldg., St. Paul from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 724-3031.

Many Albertans gamble as a form of recreation. For a small minority, however, gambling becomes a problem. If you or someone you know is experiencing personal, social or financial problems as a result of their gambling, confidential help is available. Call 1-800-665-9676.

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Sun., Tues. & Thurs. Matinee 2:00

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PG
Sun., Tues. & Thurs. Matinee 2:10

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CHURCH SERVICES



Elk Point Baptist Church
5705 - 49 St., Elk Point
Pastor Jim MacLellan - 724-4194
Family Worship Service
Sundays - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages - 11:15 a.m.
Call Church answering service for current programs and times.

Elk Point Christian Community Church
Rev. Sam Donaldson - 724-2493.
Railway Avenue and 53 St.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School - 11:00 a.m.; Office hours - Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 noon

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 12 p.m.
Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park
Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m.
1st 3 Sundays of the month

St. Vladimirs' Ukrainian Orthodox Church Elk Point
For service times, call 645-5156, St. Paul or 724-4351, Elk Point.

United Church of Canada
4822 - 50 Ave., Elk Point
Rev. Jope Langejans - 724-3616
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VACUUM TRUCK OPERATORS. Jade Oilfield Service Ltd. requires experienced operators for Alberta and Saskatchewan. Competitive salary with benefits. Qualifications: Class 3A vacuum truck and/or drilling rig experience. Mechanical knowledge of heavy truck/equipment. Ability to be away from home for up to 3 weeks. Fax resume with references to 306-778-3305.

REID'S WELDING - Is currently looking for applications for STRUCTURAL WORKERS BY HAND for our Elk Point division. Successful candidates will have a CWB ticket or be able to pass a quality test. All Journeyman and 3rd year apprentices who feel they have the qualifications should apply. Reid's pays competitive wages and offers a Pension Plan with Health and Dental Benefits. Only applicants selected for interview will be contacted. Please forward your resume to: Reid's Welding Inc., Box 1019, Elk Point, AB., T0A 1A0. Fax (780) 724-5943. Dec21

HOG BARN WORKERS - Required. No experience necessary. For more information, call 724-2032. Dec21

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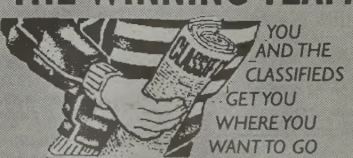
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review SPORTS *this week*

Storm warnings cause game cancellations

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

Being a sports reporter is easy, it's like the ghost of Christmas past, reporting on things that already happened, but being a weather guy, that's like the ghost of Christmas future, predicting things

that might be. Sometimes the weather guys call for bad weather that never amounts to anything, but if ever the weatherman has called it right, it was Saturday afternoon, when they predicted the big winds, with blinding snow and bitter cold.

Peewee Avalanche

were scheduled to play Two Hills at home on Saturday, and Atom Avalanche were to play at home against LacLaBiche, but both games were called due to the weather. The Midget Girls Storm were facing the same dilemma, on Saturday afternoon they were scheduled to go to Cold Lake but made a wise decision to stay home.

Some teams did venture out before the storm started on Saturday. The Peewee Girls Cyclones headed to Irma to play in their tournament, losing a close one 4 to 2 to New Sarepta, then winning the B side over Viking 6 to 2. Eryl Anton Roberts playing on defence with two goals, and Megan Proski scored her second goal of the game, an exciting one on a penalty

shot. On the way home the team traveled in convoy, big Russ Hebblethwaite breaking the trail.

Also before the storm Saturday morning, the Tornados hosted Vermilion at home with another win. Harrison Maas, Dylon Loughran and Bradley Yarmuch all with hat tricks, Jordyn Wozniak getting two, Quillan Lowery, Tanner Shankowski with singles, and scoring his first goal ever, Chad Nauss.

The Midget Girls Storm had some trouble getting anything going on Sunday, when they met up with a big team from St. Paul, St. Paul going home with the two points in the first match between the two teams this season. The Storm will be better prepared next time. Natalie Peters got the only Storm goal in this

one.

Friday night the Thunder was pumped and ready for the rematch with the same team that embarrassed them the week before. They came out strong and gained a two goal lead early in the first period, with goals by team captain Darcy Stafford and Scott Stone. Then came the the turning point in the second period when the Thunder scored their third goal but the referee disallowed it, claiming a player in the crease. The Thunder then proceeded to take two penalties, the Freeze taking advantage of the situation and scoring two to tie the game. With the crowd silent, things went downhill from there, the Freeze with four more unanswered goals to put the Thunder on ice for the rest of the game. The final 6 to 4 for the Freeze. It

didn't help that the Cold Lake goalie was such a Scrooge, not giving the Thunder anything in the second half, even though the Thunder outshot them by quite a bit. And rumor has it that Santa was even seen out at the game on Friday night, checking out the new penalty boxes to see who's been naughty. On Sunday the Thunder's road game to Turtleford was cancelled due to poor road conditions.

Jon Yake, Darcy Stafford and Scott Stone were all chosen to play in the North East All Star Tournament being held this year in St. Paul over the Christmas holidays.

The Novice Hurricanes picked up Dylon Loughran from the MicroNovice to play in Kitscoty with them on Friday night, and it was a good move. Dylon picked up two goals to help the Hurricanes win over Kitscoty 5 to 1. Ryan Marceniuk, Chevy Botting and Jerin Bezpalko also scoring for the Hurricanes, Cameron Ballas playing his first game in the net.

The Bantam Colts played a close one losing to Kitscoty 8 to 7 on Sunday afternoon in Dewberry. A hat trick by Shannon Brodwin, two by Brandon Elliott, and singles by Chance Bensmiller and Brandon Isert.

This is the last edition of Hound Dog's Hockey before the holiday season, so I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas. Take some time off, spend the time with your family and friends, because they may not always be there, but you know hockey will.

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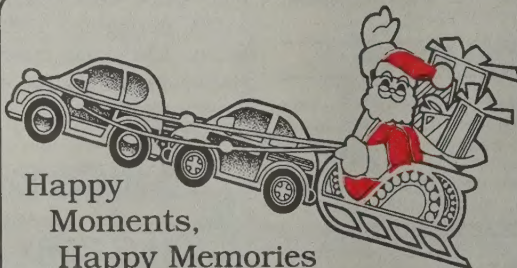
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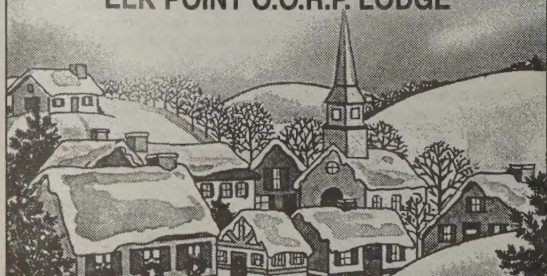
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